

Appln. of: VESCHI, Robert A.  
Serial No.: 09/574,820  
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#### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

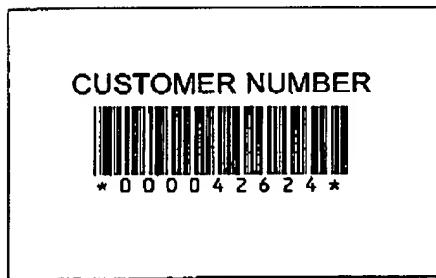
By this Amendment, claims 1-6 have been amended and new claims 7-13 have been added. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The Examiner objected to claims 5 and 6 and indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of their base and intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify aspects of the invention and to incorporate subject matter of claim 5. New independent claim 7 includes elements of original claims 1 and 6. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from new claim 7. In view of the above, withdrawal of the objection to claims 5-6 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under § 103. In view of the above amendments, these rejections are moot and their withdrawal is respectfully requested.

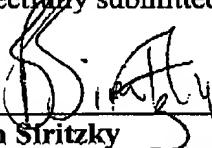
In view of the above, allowance of this case is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned at the number provided should any issues arise or should the Examiner believe that such a call could expedite the processing of this application.



Respectfully submitted,

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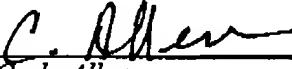
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